NOISELESS ALARMS AND BICYCLES IN USE IN WASHINGTON.

The Wheels Expected to Be Caeful in Putting Out Fires at the Start and in Saving Life-Megaphores on Trial, Too-Tele-phones and Electric Lights for Firemen.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- District Commissloner Wight has clarge of the Police and Fire departments of Washington. They are his special hobbies, and since he has been in conriol he has introduced a number of innovations. The most spectacular of these is the

mounting of firemen on bicycles, Commissioner Wight found that severa companies were frequently called out to attend to insignificant fires, and in every case where an alarm was sounded all the firemer on duty in the engine houses were disturbed by the clanging of the gong. It was formerly he rule that when an alarm was sounded the horses were booked up to the engines and trucks and the firemen routed out, so that every engine in the city was ready to respond to the alarm. At the conclusion of the striking of the alarm those engines which were not returned to their beds. Mr. Wight saw the uso-lessness of having all the firemen in the olly turned out of their beds when quired to attend a fire, so he introduced the aystem of the notseless alarm. At each engine iouse a watchmen is on duty all day and all night at a desk where the fire alarms are announced on an indicator. If he sees an alarm to which his company must respond he turns a switch and the next call comes on a large gong. While there is thus a delay of a few moments, so far it has caused no damage, and the

firemen have secured undisturbed repose.

Noting the success of the bicycle police. Commissioner Wight decided to mount some fremen on bicycles. A fireman was selected at each ongine house and mounted up a bievcle. Whenever his company is called out he precedes it to the fire. A man mounted on a bleyele can make much better time over the asphalted streets than a pair of horses drawing a heavy engine loaded with two or three men. In many cases, such as that of the Windsor Hotel fire in New York, when lamps are overturned or draperies catch fire, the presence of an expedenced man with the necessary appliances would prevent disastrous fires by extinguishing the flames at an early stage. It is estimated that the firemen on bicycles should be able to reach a fire on an average three minutes before their company. In cases where four or five companies respond to an alarm this system will bring that number of men to the cene before the companies can reach it, and by a little quick work they may often be able o accomplish a great deal before the engines arrive and get to work. Each bicycle ffroman will carry a small tank of chemical fire extinguisher on his back, and he may also carry a

The latest innovation went into service las Wednesday. It is the use of a megaphone which will be wielded by Assistant Fire Chief Belt. Mr. Wight noticed that on many occasions where tall buildings were burning or where the confusion was great it was almost impossible for the firemen to understand the orders of the Chiefs, and each was therefore compelled to act almost entirely on his own re sponsibility. On one occasion, owing to this very cause, several firemen were killed by the falling of a floor when the Chief was attempting to warn them of their danger and failed because they did not hear him. The megaphone is fifteen inches in length, and with it there should be no difficulty in making orders heard. It is expected that each of the foremen will be equipped with a megaphone and probably each of the bleycle firemen. It is intended, sooper or later, to introduce one or more automobile fire engines, which, it is said,

probably each of the bleycle firemen. It is intended, sooner or later, to introduce one or more automobile fire engines, which, it is said, can make much better time than those drawn by horses.

Bince Commissioner Wight inaugurated this series of reforms, he has received a great many more or less sensible augestions. It is proposed by one inventor that a displex bleycle shall be introduced, on which shall be mounted a large chemical fire extinguisher, propelled by two men: it would be in offect a miniature chemical engine. It is also suggested that each of the bleycle firemen, in addition to his fire extinguisher and pick, shall carry a miniature scaling ladder. By this means, four or five bleycle firemen would form a small fire derartment, armed with picks, ladders and fire extinguishers, and answering all the purposes of engines, chemical engines, reels and trucks. Another suggestion is that each of these bleycle firemen shall carry a folding laider of light but very atrong steel links. This would be of service at hotel fires and others where the burning buildings contain a number of people. The bleycle firemen, arriving on the scene early, could nimitly climb to the top of the building, fasten his steel folding chain ladder to a projection, lower it within easy reach of the windows, and thus rescue women and children who otherwise might have no means of escape.

In view of the danger of the firemen losing their way in the dense smoke and thus imperilling their lives it has been suggested by one ingenious citizen that cach fireman-should be acquipped with a small signal service telephone. This inventor suggests that on the backs of the firemen shall be mounted a small roel of wire which can be attached to a receiver at the ground and as the fireman dashes into the building the wire will gradually unwind. The fireman could have a receiver and transmitter through which he could communicate with the Chief on the ground. Thus if there were any danger of a wail or floor falling the fireman could be not the fireman

HORSEWHIPPED HER FATHER-IN-LAW Mrs. Rope Didn't Hurt Him Much and Promises Not to Do It Again.

William Hope, principal of the New York Business Institute at 81 East 125th street, was horsewhipped by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lila Hope, at the school on Monday evening and yesterday he had her summoned to the Harlem Police Court on a charge of assault Mrs. Hope is 35 years old.

Mr. Hope is 65, white haired and white bearded. He produced a new rawhide whip, which he said was the weapon with which the whipping was done. Mrs. Hope went to the school, he said, and saw him in the antercom. When he appeared she pulled the rawhide from under her cloak and began to lash him across the

der her cloak and began to lash him across the face, but before she could do much harm he took the whip away from her.

Mrs. Hope stood before the Magistrate trembling with excitement. When esked if what her father-in-law said was true, she said:

"Yes, I did horsewhip him, your Honor, I whipped him because he has ruined my home. My husband has abandoned me on his account and sides with his father. I whipped him very little, and I wish I had done a better job now that the facts have come out."

William C. Hope, the woman's husband, is a stenographer. The pair bave not been living together for several months, and Hope was arraigned before Magistrate Flammer a week ago on a charge of non-support. He was discharged on promising to pay to his wife \$5 a week. His wife, after her outburst yesterday, told the Magistrate that her father-in-law was at the bottom of all their domestic troubles, she said, until he began to interfere.

Miss Rosaile Loow, who appeared as counsel for Mrs. Hope, said her client was a sufferer from nervous trouble, and at times was not responsible for her acts. The Magistrate discharged her on her promise that she would not molest her father-in-law again.

Annoyed the Barge Office People.

Robert Young, 35 years old, who gave his address as Bank street, Newark, N. J. was arrested at the Barge Office yesterday afternoon as a supposed lunatic. Young says that he arrived here on the steamer Majestic several days ago. He has been annoying the Barge Office officials and showed signs of insanity. At the police station he somulained of having "wheels in his head." He was taken to Believue to await examination

LORD STRON A BANKRUPT.

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resement Caused by Loaning Mon to Mrs. Howard Kingscote.

Special Cable Desputch to THE BUS. LONDON, May 3.-Lord Byron of Langford Park, near Maldon, Essex, has gone into the Sankruptey Court with liabilities amounting to £21,907, and assets £4,997. All of his in-

Lord Byron's embarrassment is due to his money through a third party to Mrs. Howard Kingscote, a daughter of Sir Henry Lord Byron first became acquainted with Mrs. lingscote in 1894, when she wrote to him asking for help, as she was in serious trouble. He sent her £2,000, which was subsequently inreased to \$20,000 by further loans. He undertood that the lady was a co-hefress of the estate of Sir Charles Wyke, but had not received a sixpence under the Wyke will, though he hought that the family might provide a dividend against her indebtedness

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY Final Settlement of the Dispute Expected

Very Soon. Special Cable Derpatch to THE SUN LONDON, May 3.-Great Britain's reply to the suggestions of the American Government in regard to a provisional Alaskan boundary was leapatched to Washington last week. The provisional boundary was practically agreed to a year ago, with the exception of a few miles of he Dalton trail at the end of Chilkat Pass from Pyramid Harbor. The Washington Governnent's suggestions relate to this strip of the

Canada has agreed to the boundary, with ome minor modifications, and England has onfirmed it. A settlement of the matter is expected, as it is not believed that the American iovernment will raise any difficulties over Canada's modifications.

FOUR CUBAN BANDITS KILLED. Shot by the Rural Guard While Trying to Rescue Their Leader, Gonzalez.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN SANTIAGO DE CUBA. May 3.—At Mayari iast night four men belonging to Miguel Gonzalez's and of outlaws attempted to release Gonzalez. who, with five other members of the band, is a prisoner in the sail there. Some rural guarda discovered the men as they were tearing the bars from the window of Gonzalez's cell and gave the alarm.

The would-be rescuers fought desperately to avoid arrest, and all four of them were shot and tilled. Two of the rural guard were wounded. The prisoners will probably be transferred to Saracoa, where American troops are stationed Gen. Wood speaks in high praise of the rural guard. He says that the Cubans can best proect themselves against their own criminals.

PORTUGUESE-SPANISH FIGHT.

nsult to a Spanish Woman Resented an Troops Had to Restore Order.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Madrid, May 3.-A despatch from Zamora Portugal, gives an account of a serious disurbance which occurred at Moveros, where s fair was being held. A Portuguese soldler insulted a Spanish woman, whereupon her brother struck the soldier. A fight between Portuguese and Spaniards ensued and the roops were called out to restore order, which was done with much difficulty. The excitement, which was intense, has not yet subsided.

PRINCE SUES HIS FATHER-IN-LAW. Ferdinand of Bulgaria Demands the Anunal Marriage Allowance.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, May 3.-The Volkszeitung says that Prince Fertinand of Bulgaria has brought an ction against his father-in-law, the Duke of Parma, for refusing to pay the annual marriage allowance agreed upon in the marriage contract between his daughter and Prince Ferdinand. The defendant alleges that the conversion of Prince Ferdinand's son, Prince Boris, to the Greek faith broke the contract.

TROUBLE FOR SPANISH OFFICERS. Report That the Court of Honor Is to Convict a Number of Them.

Special Cable Descatch to THE SUN. MADRID, May 3 .- The Official Gazette to-day sublishes the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. The Gazelle also announces that more high officers of the army are to be cashiered in consequence of the findings of the Court of Honor.

NO SIAM PROVINCE FOR FRANCE. Reported Cession Has Not Been Made, the

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS Paris, May 3.-The Liberté says there is no ruth in the report that Siam has ceded a province to France. Negotiations for the settlement of questions in dispute between France and Siam, the paper says, are proceeding, but so far they have been without result.

Mr. Whistler's New Book. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN.

Paris, May 3.—Mr. James A. McNeill Whist-ler's "The Baronet and the Butterly; a Valenine with a Verdict" will be published here before the end of the month. The book will be oublished in two editions, one at 6 france and the other, an edition de luxe, signed, at 25

Actor Barrett's Son a Bankrupt. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 3 .- Frank Andrew Barrett, son of Wilson Barrett, the actor, has been adjudged bankrupt. His liabilities are £678 and his ssets nothing. His insolvency is attributed to his living beyond his income

Scotch Ironmasters Advance Wages. Special Cable Dernatch to THE SUN. GLASGOW, May 3.-The Scotch ironmasters have advanced the wages of their employees

15 per cent, from May 1.

NEW ENTERPRISES FOR CUBA.

Andrew Guuderson Off to Build a Dry Dock, Pier, and Other Works at Regia. Andrew Gunderson of 575 Henry street, Brookyr. who for fifteen years was chief draughtsman for John N. Robins at the Erie Basin. salled for Havana yesterday on the steamer Orizaba, where he expects to take up his permanent residence and carry out some large enterprises undertaken by Krajewski, Pesant & Co. of 32 and 34 Broadway, Manhattan, proprietors of the Erie Basin Iron Works. This firm has purchased large holdings of land in liegla, across the bay from Havana, which is tiegis, across the tay from havans, which is the terminal of the united frailroads, where they have already begun operations.

Mr. Gunderson will have the supervision of the construction of a floating dry dock with a metal sheathed bottom. 229 feet long and 29 feet wide on the floor. In addition to the dry dock plans are drawn for a pier at Regia 276 feet long, which will be pushed rapidly to completion, where ships of large draught will be enabled to unload. Mr. Gunderson will also have charge of the construction of modern machine shops, boiler shops, electrical works and brass and iron Spundries.

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Renewed Denial That Federal Steel Will

Rumors are persistent in Wall street that a big combination of steel interests is pending. All sorts of figures as to its capitalization are mentioned. ranging from \$300,000,000 to \$325,000,000. A representative of the Federal Steel Company made this statement:

"We hope the Carnegies, the National Steel. American Tin Plate and American Steel Hoon companies will succeed in offecting their proposed combination, but we shall not be in it. We have been approached at various times with propositions, but have seen no reason for taking up any of them. We control our business from the raw material in the ground to the finished product, and could not improve our position by entering any combine. The other people need something of this kind. If they succeed, the competition we now have with the different interests will be materially reduced." mentioned, ranging from \$300,000,000

ATKINSON'S MAIL SEIZED

NO MORE OF HIS PAMPHLETS WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO MANILA.

overnment Orders to the Postmaster of San Francisco Resulted in the Discov-ery and Seizure of Pamphlets Addressed to Naval and Military Officers at Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 .- The local Post Office Meials to-day seized some of the pamphlets sent out by Edward Atkinson, Vice-President of the Anti-Imperialistic Langue of Boston The pamphlets are addressed to Admiral Dewey, Gen. H. G. Otis, Gen. Miller and Profs. Schurman and Worcester of the Philippine Postmaster Montague received instructions

om Washington to seize and hold, subject to further orders, any pamphlets started on their way to Manila by Edward Atkinson. These instructions apply only to third-class matter, and no authority was given to seize under suspicion any sealed matter. This morning Postmaster Montague ordered an inspection of all the Manila mail, and the search revealed the documents mailed to the military commanders and the members of the Philippine Commission. On the wrapper bearing the address are the words, "If not delivered within five days return to Box 112, Boston.

Twe of the pamphlets are entitled, "The Hell of War" and "Criminal Aggression." the third has no specific title, and contains copies of speeches delivered by Senator Hoar, ex-Gov. Boutwell and Judge Edmunds. Postmaster Montague has ordered that a close watch be kept on the mails, and that all objectionable pamphlets arriving here for Manila be seized WASHINGTON, May 3.-The attention of Postmaster-General Smith was called this afternoon to the statements of Edward Atkinson that the documents which he had been circu lating were Senate documents, and the impli cation that if he were guilty of treason and of the circulation of seditious documents the Senators who presented the documents to the Senate and were responsible for having them printed were likewise guilty. Mr. Smith said it made no difference whether the documents were Senate documents or not, the order preventing them from going to Manila had been issued and would stand. He had been issued and would stand. He had nowere, been furnished by Mr. Atkinson with a copy of the pamphlet he had circulated, and could say that they were not Senate documents and bore nothing on hem to indicate that they had been printed for the Senate. cation that if he were guilty of treason and

ATKINSON NOT TO BE PROSECUTED. The Administration Believes He Is Inspired by a Desire for Notoriety.

WASHINGTON, May 2.- The decision of the Department of Justice not to prosecute Mr. Edward 'Atkinson' for sending treasonable literature to the army in the Philippines is due n a measure to the knowledge by the Administration of his previous frresponsible actions, evidently inspired by a desire for notoriety.

While the War Investigating Commission was conducting its inquiry, Mr. Atkinson wrote to Chairman Dodge the most rancor ous attacks upon the War Department and the officers of the army. He made charges of cruelty and mismanagement, but when the commission visited Boston and called him to the stand he falled to substantiate in any way the allegations he had made. The record of the commission shows that Atkinson appeared before that body in Boston on Nov. 30. He said he did not wish to be sworn, and when asked to state what he knew about the alleged misconduct of the War Department, he said: "I submit the statement of one of the most able men that ever lived around here, who was on the Yale, a very strong complaint against the treatment of the troops on the Yale. He

is exceeding loath—he is unwilling to give his name for this reason: He hopes to continue in the service; he thinks it wrong for a soldier to complain and on reflection he says he has come to the conclusion that what they suffered was due to the incapacity of their officers rather than to the fault of the officers of the ship, and therefore, that being the only cause. could submit it second-hand from persona knowledge of the party. I can only leave it to you. It does not amount to anything. I cannot give his name. He is on his back in the Massachusetts General Hospital. I think he

not give his name. He is on his back in the Massachusetts General Hospital. I think he will go into higher service. I think he is not going to get well. What he expresses is on your file of apparently gross mismanagement of the whole concern. He is a competent witness."

A member of the commission remarked that Mr. Atkinson's letter had been quoted to a Major of the Sixth Massachusetts Hegiment and Mr. Atkinson's letter had been quoted to a Major of the Sixth Massachusetts Hegiment and Mr. Atkinson reviled: "Having presented the letter. Ilwas bound to come up." He concluded by saving that he happened to look into several of the discusses and their prevalence and their future nevalence in troons that may be stationed in the tropics.

"I have studied social conditions a good deal," he said, "as some of you are aware, and I have the removal of the causes in my mind, and I urge and personally suggest that that subject be investigated, having reference to troops that must be stationed for longer or shorter time in these tropical countries, and I expect to circular 50,000 cepies of a circular in relation to this, giving a social review of the whole question. Dav before vesterday I got a little svidence, absolutely official, from a General in command, facts that are perfectly appulling, irremediable and inevitable—the North is worse than the South."

Mr. Atkinson continually refused to name any witness who might substantiate his charges, except to remark that his cashier could testify that forty. fifty or sixty soldlers were in canvas tents during a storm near Winthrop. Reference to the Juring of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment testified at Boston previous to Mr. Atkinson's examination, a member of the commission remarked:

"It has been strated to us that on board the transport Yale the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment bound for Porto Rivo literally starved the men, while the officers were well fed—any private mustered out will prove these facts."

Major Dariing, replying to this, said: "That is a false statement."

This

ATKINSON'S MAILING LIST.

He Says He Had 20,000 Names and Has Got Fine Advertising.

Boston, Mass., May 3.-Edward Atkinson talked a little more of the Philippine situation to the faithful this morning. "I have not thought," he said, " of any plan by which the papers can be pushed to Manila. I see no reason why I should bother my head over it. The son why I should bother my head over it. The Government, it strikes me, has taken the whole matter out of my hands. I succeeded in getting up a mailing list of 20,000, and I think, what with the advertising, the circulation of the namphlets will run up into the hundreds of thousands."

One of Mr. Atkinson's exhibits this morning was a telegram from a Western paper. It read: "Will you leave America at once to avoid arrest? If so please wire us at our expense."

"I have not answered it yet," said the Aguinaldo sympathizer, "and I don't think I shail."

ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FRAUD. W. M. Macqueen of Chicago Accused o

Making False Representations. CHICAGO, May 3 .- W. M. Macqueen, until recently Western manager and agent of the Gar-rettson-Cox Company, book publishers of New York, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and a well-known resident of logers Park, was arrested to-day on a charge of obtaining \$1,000 by false pretences. W. C. Hart, Superintendent of Schools of Woodstock, Lit., is the complainant. Some time ago, it III., is the complainant. Some time ago, it is alleged, Macqueen advertised for a partner in his concern, representing that he had stock in the Garrettson Company to the amount of \$2,100. Mr. Hart, reading the advertisement, came to Chicago, and after consultation with Macqueen, it is alleged, deposited \$1,000 with him and was made partner. Later, it is said, he learned that the alleged stock controlled by Macqueen amounted to less than \$500.

Prosecution for Alleged Bribery in Penn-

sylvania. PHILADELPHIA, May 3 .- John H. Fow. Chairman of the legislative committee that was appointed to make investigations in regard to the attempted bribery of members of the Pennthe attempted bribery of members of the Pennsylvania Legislature in the effort to poss the McCarrell Jury bill, said to-day that, aithough no action would be taken until May 19, there was no doubt that about that date warrants would be sworn out for the arrest of Peter J. Costello. Thomas M. Moyles, Robert Evans and E. Shatz. Several others are to be arrested and prosecuted, but Mr. Fow declined to say who they are. The warrants will be sworn out in Harrisburg.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN SECRET. Secretaries to Give Out An Official Sum mary of the Proceedings.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, May 4.—According to the Berlin cor-respondent of the Daily News, Russia has intimated that it is her wish that the strictest privacy be maintained regarding the proceedings of the Disarmament Conference. The delegates will, therefore, probably be pledged to secrecy. The newspapers will obviously no allowed to have representatives present, and the only authentic information they car obtain will be contained in the official summary of the proceedings, which it is already

announced the Secretaries will supply. The same correspondent learns that the Town Council of The Hague has refused to give a festal reception to the Congress because the Pope and the Transvaal were net invited to take part in the deliberations Mr. Choate to Entertain the Delegates.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN London, May 3.-The Hon, Joseph H. Cheate nited States Ambassador, will entertain Mr. Seth Low and Mrs. Low and Capt. William Crozier and Capt. Alfred T. Mahan, United States delegates to the disarmament confer ence at The Hague, at luncheon on May 12. The guests, who will number twenty-five, will include the Earl of Clauwilliam, Admiral of the Fleat: Sir R. E. Webster, Attorney-Gen eral, and Thomas B. Reed, ex-Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Lord Salisbury has sent a letter regretting his in-

LOW AND MAHAN BAIL.

Departure of Two of Our Delegates to the International Peace Conference. Several hundred Columbia students assem bled on the pier of the American Steam ship Company yesterday morning to see Pres ident and Mrs. Low safely on their way to The Hague, On the St. Louis also were Capt. Alfred T Mahan, a fellow delegate of Mr. Low to the International Peace Conference, and F

A committee of students boarded the steam ship and in the saloon presented President Low with a large floral piece and a basket of fruit George S. Hellman. "20, college, made a speech assuring Mr. Low that the gifts were tokens of the cordial sentiment of all the students to-

W. Holls, Secretary of the American delega

ward him.

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Dr. Low replied that the thoughtfulness of the students was especially gratifying to him. The Peace Congress, he said, although it might not produce any immediate result, would, nevertheless, be an event of historic importance because it indicated at least a willingness on the part of all nations to start a movement for peace.

The committee then escorted Mr. Low to the side of the steamer near where the students on the pler were gathered in a circle. The President repeated his speech to the committee, adding only a remark about the Boral piece. This was a large wheelberrow and henced high with American Beauty roses. This, Dr. Low said, seemed to signify that the students expected him to work his passage. "With this as a tool, I think it will be rather a rosy task," he laughed.

As the steamship swung into the stream the students gave cheer after cheer and the steam launch Columbia, with the committee on board, followed the St. Louis to the Narrows.

LIGHTNING-STRUCK GIRL WILL LIVE

Electric Current Burned a Narrow Track Sadie Turnic of 51 Broome street, the 13 year-old girl who was struck by a bolt of lightning at Canal and Essex streets in the storm on Tuesday evening, was much improved yes terday, so the physicians at Gouverneur Hos pital reported. Dr. Shields, who has the girl under his care, said that her condition had be come so much better in the course of the night that her recovery was practically assured now The paralysis which followed the shock had disappeared almost wholly when the girl reached the hospital, and the rest that she had during the high thelped her still further. Her burns are severe, however, and it will be several weeks before she can leave the hospital.

Dr. Shields said that the burns on the girl's body were interesting as showing the freaks that lightning will take. The arm that held the umbrella, down the steel rod of which the lightning ran, was badly burned. The bolt naiso grazed the girl's forshead directly above the nose and left a burned path about as wide as a finger down the nose to the chin. The bolt next struck the girl's abdomen and passed down her left leg into the ground through the heel of her shoe.

Sadie was quite cheerful yesterday. "I was standing there on Canal street, near Fasax atreet, waiting for a car," she told Dr. Shields. "I was going to my aunt's house to try a sewing machine, and I wanted to get home as soon as I could. All of a sudden I seemed to be surrounded by something white, and after that I didn't know anything for some time, until I woke up in the drug store. When I did come to I knew I had been burned, and I thought I must have been struck by lightning." disappeared almost wholly when the girl

ALASKAN OUTBREAK QUELLED.

Proops Capture Two Chilkat Indian Chief

TACOMA, Wash., May 3.-United States troops under Capt. Yeatman have quelled the Indian outbreak near Haines Mission, Alaska. Two Chlikat Indian chiefs and several bucks were taken prisoners and will be sent to Sitka for trial. The trouble was caused by the objections of the Indians to the building of a trail following the north shore of Chilkat Inlet and River from the Haines Mission to Kluckwan, the principal Indian village of Chilkats and the largest in Alsaka. The Indians want to control the freighting between the coints named, using their canoes for that purpose, this being their chief means of livelihood. They know that their business will be ruined if the trail is built.

The chief of the Chilkats has written a letter explaining the Indians' contentions to Frank Grygia, special agent of the Interior Denartment in Alsaka. The latter has forwarded the letter to the Sceretary of the Interior and awaits instructions. taken prisoners and will be sent to Sitka for

GOLD MINERS TO SUE FOR \$17,000,000

They Were Excluded from the Atlin District by the British Columbia Government. SEATTLE, Wash., May 3.-A syndicate com-

posed of eighty alien miners, who had been ex cluded from the Atlin mines by the act of the British Columbia Legislature has just been formed for the purpose of bringing suit against the Canadian Government for damages amounting to \$17,000,000. They base their claims on losses sustained through being excluded from valuable mining property in the Atlin district held by them under miners. It censes issued by the officials of the Canadian Government.

The syndicate is composed of Germans. Americans, Swedes and Englishmen, and they say they are backed with an abundance of means to carry on the suit. Gen. Barnes, an attorney of ban Francisco, has been retained by the syndicate. British Columbia Legislature has just been

Another Tenderloin Resort Closes. Warren Lewis closed his resort, "The Grotto, on Thirty-seventh street, just east of Broad on Thirty-seventh street, just east of Broad-way, last night. When Lewis applied for a re-newal of his liquor license the Excise Com-missioners referred the matter to Capt. Price. Capt. Price said that the place was a resort fre-quented by bad characters, and he did not recommend a renewal. Lewis had the furni-ture of the place carted away last night.

Robbery Complaint from the St. Cloud. May Sherwood, an actress, living at the St Cloud Hotel, reported to Capt. Price of the West Thirtieth street station has night that some one had entered her room yesterday by means of a pass key and had stolen \$200 worth of silver manicure articles and other trinkets. Two detectives are trying to locate the property.

Drawing an Ulcerated Tooth Causes Death. Boston, Mass., May 3 .- Arthur Shattuck of Gardner, Mass, the son of the Fire Deparment Chief of that town, died here yesterday from the effect of having an ulcerated tooth drawn. The operation was performed over a week ago and the physicians were unable to check the flow of blood. Broadway,

Heavy Snowfall in Colorado. BRECKINRIDGE, Col., May 3 .- It has been snowing here heavily most of the time for the last week. No trains or mails have arrived since last Saturday. The snow is three feet deep.

There Is No Excuse for It. The idea that many advertisers have of keeping up at expense simply to "keep their names before the leaders" of so called Real Estate mentiums when satisfactory results are not realized is purely sentimental. Remember this, and also Tax Sex, when placing your orders again. The Real Estate Board of Brokers use Tax Sex, for its reliable news matter as well as the columns for advertising.—Adv. MET ALGER AND WHEELER.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE HONORS THE SECRETARY AND GENERAL.

The Secretary Says in His Speech That He Now Sees Errors That Might Have Been Avoided, but the Army Work Was Well Done-Pingree for Alger for Senator. LANSING, Mich., May 3 .- Secretary of War liger and Gen. Joseph E. Wheeler were guests of the Michigan Legislature to-day. They ar rived from Detroit shortly before noon and were escorted from the train to the State House by Gov. Pingree, 100 Grand Army vet erans, a detachment of college cadets and the entire Legislature. For an hour following their arrival they received the public in the Execu

At 20'clock a public meeting was held in Repesentatives' hall, which was crowded to ts capacity with a wildly enthusiastic audince. The meeting was presided over by Speaker Adams and Gov. Pingree welcome the two Generals to the State. His greatest hit was made when he said it gave him pleas

the two Generals to the State. His greatest hit was made when he said it gave him pleasure to read in the papers the announcement that Secretary Alger had concluded to be a candidate for the United States Senate.

In the course of a twenty-minute speech the Secretary said that, as he looked over the campaign of the past year, he could see things that he would not do again, but declared his belief that in its entirety the work could not be so well done again. The crowded condition of the transports was due, he said, to the fact that the Quartermaster was officially informed that accommodations were ample, and he thought it a source of congratulation that, not withstanding the crowded condition, not a single soldler died at sea.

Secretary Alger declared that the flag should never be lowered in the Philippines, and that we should maintain our authority there as long as the best interests of those people and the cause of humanity demanded it. He predicted that whatever is done will receive the hearty indorsement of the people.

Gen. Wheeler was received by the vast suchence with cheers. He paid a glowing tribute to Michigan soldiers in both wars, and expressed his displeasure that any part of our people should teach the young that our country is deficient in any of the elements of sovereignty, not being able, like other countries, to extend protection to people separated from it. He denied this, and declared that the way to preserve the peace already won is for all the people to unite in proclaiming that whatever soldiers have won shall be held for the henefit of our people and those whom the providence of God has placed under our care. He expressed the belief that colonial possessions are a benefit to a country, and that wisdom will be vouchasfed for the Proper solution of all problems that may be encountered.

LOYAL LEGION EXPELS GEN. EAGAN District of Columbia Commandery Drop His Name by Vote of 120 to 27.

WASHINGTON, May 3 - Brig Gan, John F Sagan, who was court-martialled and suspended for conduct unbecoming an officer, was to-night, by a vote of 120 to 27, expelled from the Commandery of the District of Columbia of the Loyal Legion. The constitution of the order provides that when a member is convicted of such a charge his name be dropped from the rolls. Owing, however, to the high rank of Gen. Eagan and the differences of opinion existing in the Commandery as to pursuing such a method, the unusual course was taken of bringing the matter to a vote of its members. The subject was debated at the meeting a month ago, Gen. Eagan's friends defended him, and argued against his expulsion. No vote was reached then, and the case came up again at the monthly meeting tonight.

HOLDS ARMY OFFICER FOR CONTEMPT

Ex-Senator, Now Judge, Allen of Nebrasks in a Row with the Federal Authorities. OMAHA, Neb., May 3.-Ex-Senator William Vincent Allen is about to try conclusions with the Federal court, the regular army and the Attorney-General. Yesterday he ordered the Federal court, the regular army and the Attorney-General. Yesterday he ordered the arrest of Lieut. George Langhorne of the First Cavalry, stationed at Fort Robinson, charging him with contempt of court.

Benator Alien is on the district bench, having been recently appointed to that position. The collision with the Federal authorities grows out of the arrest of two soldiers by the Sheriff of Dawes county, when they were in the custody of an army officer for desertion. Lieut. Langhorne, as Adjutant of his command, wrote the Sheriff a letter calling his attention to a clause of the Federal law, making subject to imprisonment those who shall refuse to surrender a soldier on demand of the Federal Government. Senator Allen accepted this as a threat that the Lieutenant would have the court arrested, and promptly had the Lieutenant arrested on the charge of contempt. The officer has appealed to Federal Judge Munger at Omaha and he will be released pending habeas corpus proceedings to-morrow. Judge Allen says the civil authorities are not inferior to the army and he will not stand such meddling. He declares the Lieutenant has deliberately threatened the court with arrest and the contempt proceedings must be tried. He cannot permit any interference from the Federal court, as he says a district Judge is the sole judge of the dignity of his own court and cannot be reviewed by a higher, body, not even by a Federal court.

TWO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

One Rushed Into Her Blazing Dwelling to Save Some Household Goods. SYRACUSE, May 3 .- This morning Mrs. Julia Davern, 65 years old, crazed by the burning of her home in Railway avenue, Cortland, rushed nto the blazing dwelling to try to save some of her household goods. She was forcibly taken out by the firemen, but eluded them and again entered the building. After the fire was nearly extinguished. James Gafney, a fireman, while oing up a flight of stairs in the house stum pied over a prostrate body, which proved to be the lifeless form of Mrs. Davern, lying face downward, where she had been sufficiated by

downward, where she had been sufficiated by the dense smoke.

Late this afternoon another fatal fire occurred in East Syracuse, in which Mrs. John Newman, wife of a freight conductor on the New York Central Railroad, was burned to death. She lived in the upper flat of a two-family house, from the windows of which flames were seen bursting by passeraby. The family in the lower flat were warned and escaped. It was learned that Mrs. Newman was upstairs and heroic attempts were made to rescue her, but without success, and her body was found later burned to a crist.

Shot His Wife and Killed Rimself. CHICAGO, May 3.-Hugo Hardin, a grocer shot his wife three times this evening at thele home. 26 Osgood street, inflicting wounds home. 20 Osgood street, innicting wounds which will cause her death. He then shot himself in the head, dying instantly. Jealousy is the supposed cause of the crime. The couple had been married only eight months, and frequently quarielled. They had once separated for two months, but became reconciled.

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THE BIRD ORCHESTRA.

Robins Already Here, but the Shyer Wood Birds Still to Be Heard. It yet lacks some days of the time when the suburban bird orchestra will be in full chorus. The reckless little song sparrow, who mater early in contempt of the weather, begins the early as St. Valentine's Day, but the robins, who come nearly a month later, reserve their music until the days begin to warm and to exceed the nights in length. By the middle of April the semi-domestic birds are here and singing. But the shyer wood birds postpone their coming for two or three weeks. Doubtless they wait until the thickening leaves of the suburban woodlands may hide their nests for numerous as birds' nests are in the woodlands, and low as most of them are set, the ordinary observer discovers few save when the disappearance of the leaves has laid them bare Whatever the cause, whether caution or the

dinary observer discovers few save when the disappearance of the leaves has laid them bare. Whatever the cause, whether caution or the scarcity of fitting food, the wood birds—the song thrush, the veery and a few others of their brethren—seldom show themselves in early spring, and thus the orchestra is not in full chorus until near mid-May.

Counting from St. Valentine's, Day, when the song sparrow pipes up, until the first week of August, when the veery sounds his last fresh woodnote, the season of song is twenty-two'or twenty-three weeks, say three weeks less than half the year, but the period of full song is hardly more than eight or nine weeks. The phenomena of human song almost parallel those of the birds. A great poetic period is foreshadowed by chirpings and twitterings that continue perhaps a dozen years, and is followed by another dozen years of echo music, but the full period of really glorious poetic outpouring seldom lasts more than two decades. So long as the orchestra is short of some instruments bird activities are not at their height. After the third week of April there is a great flutter in orchards and gardens, and at dawn and sunset there is a small chorus in which the high litting measure of the robin predominates. But the woodland comedy has not yet begun. The patient watcher in the suburban woodlands is rewarded by none of those sudden as neational scenes of bird histronics, when sharp angary cries in the thicket are followed by the whir and clash of wings as pursued and parsuer come bursting into the open through the full follage of June.

There are, however, premonitions of the coming busy time of the wood birds. The brown thrasher, greatest of our thrush the coming busy time of the wood birds. The brown thrasher, greatent of our thrush, or song thrush as he is sometimes called, in order to see how a certain old friend of that particular bird family will conduct himself when he learns that his favorite song perch, a great oak tree, has been cut down. For years the bird sang just after pu

hermit thrush he is the shyest of the tarush family. The former never sings outside the thick woodlands of these parts; the latter is seldom if ever heard in this latitude, though his music, floating over miles of woodland and lakelet, gives the nnal exquisite touch of melancholy to the Adirondack summer. No-body ever heard the wood thrush in Madison Square. Its urban spleadors would have only terror for him. He is heard in Central Park, but only in the most retired spots, especially in the yearly thickening woodland of the upper west side. He eschews all villages and rarely nests or sings within a hundred vards of a human habitation, unless it be surrounded by woodland or thicket, but he is the chief glory of the suburban summer.

FROM THE FISHING BANKS. Big Angler, a Big Sea Anemone, and Other Curious Things at the Aquarium. There were received at the Aquarlum last reek these specimens from 'the Fishing Banks, all of which were taken in the course of the day's fishing: One angler, weighing about

sixty pounds; two sculpins, two sea ravens, two borned dogfish, one small skate and one very large sea anemone.

Sea anemones are found in many places, attached to splies and to rocks, sometimes attached to splies and to rocks, sometimes attached to mussels; this one from the Fishing Banks was attached to a boulder. It is not remarkable for sea anemones to be caught in that manner. The bait attached to a hook and lowered to the bottom/may chance to fall upon a sea anemone, which takes it in just as it would any other food, and the anemone is drawn up with whatever it is attached to, if that is movable. Some of the myriad tentacles, which when extended give the sea anemone its flower-like appearance, may be destroyed by the hook, but nature restores the tentacles thus lost. This specimen from the Fishing Banks, which has been placed at the Aquarium in the anemone and seahorse tank on the gallery tier, measures about five inches across the base; when extended it is four or five inches in height and its tentacles have a spread of about seven inches; in color it is of a dark salmon. sixty pounds; two sculpins, two sea ravens,

NEBRASKA CROPS IN DANGER. Extraordinary Cold Snap for This Seaso Alarms the Planters.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 3.-Freezing weather prevails throughout western Nebraska to light. The winter wheat which survived the severe winter will be entirely destroyed by this cold snap. Vegetation advanced rapidly during the past week on account of warm rains and this makes the present cold snap the more and this makes the present cold snap the more dangerous.

At Omaha the temperature is 50°. The weather report to-day, showing that the mercury would fall below 30° in western Nebraska to-night, created much alarm. This is the most extraordinary cold snap for the season ever experienced in the State. Spring wheat seeding has just been completed, and this weather will seriously interfere with corn planting. The fruit crop of the section visited by the cold snap will undoubtedly be destroyed. The eastern part of the State is not included in this bad spell.

Councilman Won't Take Increased Pay. New Almany, Ind., May 3.-This city posesses the distinction of having a Councilman who refuses to accept his pay. A year ago Wilwho recuses to accept his pay. A year ago Wil-liam Sloemer, member of the Council, made a vigorous fight against increasing the pay of the Councilmen from \$2 to \$4 a meeting. His side lost, and to-day, when he went to draw his salary for the year, he would not accept the additional \$4. He would only take \$48, while \$144 was due him.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 3.-A mine gas explosion took place at Maple Hill colliery this ilternoon. One man was killed instantly and four others were burned about the heads and bodies. Adam Salutas, aged 28, single, was blown to atoms, and the other burned and in-jured men are Peter Selles, aged 28; Michael Anjokaitis, aged 30; Louis Reskofsky, aged 31, all single men, and George Muskiewich, married, aged 40.



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The joke is an old one, but there is no joke. about the fact that so large a part of the population of New York is compelled to live in flats, Everything tending to make life in them more convenient and economical is therefore a matter of direct concern to hundreds of thousands of people in this city. All sorts of things are advertised as just adapted for spartment houses—either for landlord or tenant. There are even schemes for tenant ownership of a flat. But about one modern improvement which tends to increase the comfort of housekeeping in a flat there cannot be any doubt. The gas range is the best range of the "cliff-dwellers," as Mr. Fuller calls the tenants of Chicago apartment houses. There is the most conclusive evidence of this. All new flats have the gas range as a matter of course. They would not find tenants if they had not. A gas range is as much expected as a bath tub. Tenants demand it, and wise landlords hasten to furnish it. The improved gas range, with water-back attachment, is a perfect instrument for its purposes under any conditions, but in a New York flat it is simply a joy forever.—Adv. lation of New York is compelled to live in flats,

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NEW TRANSFER LAW TESTED. Case Goes Against a Conductor Who Used His Tickets to Travel to Work.

The first case under the new Transfer law was tried in the Court of Special Sessions yes-terday, Justice, Jerome presiding. Benjamin Herzog was charged with using transfer pads, given to him as a conductor on the Metropolion Street Railway, to go to and from his work on the 116th street crosstown railroad.

Herzog was arrested last March. In his Herzog was arrested last March. In his pocket were found two transfer pads, containing 100 transfers each, and a pair of sharppointed manicure scissors, with which it was evident he had cut the holes designating the place of transfer. From one of the pads about lifty transfers had been used.

Herzog's counsel yesterday questioned the applicability of the Transfer law to his case, but the court held, Justice Jacob dissenting, that by a strict reading of the law it would cover the case, and sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$50 or serve ten days in the Tombs. Not having the money, Herzog was locked up.

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